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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A container assembly comprising:

a container body formed of a thermoplastic material having an inner surface, an outer surface, and at least one corner having a reinforcement molded to said outer surface of said corner, said reinforcement having a peripheral edge including a bottom surface and a top surface, said thermoplastic material of said container body being disposed over said bottom and top surfaces of said peripheral edge for mechanically locking said reinforcement to said container body.

Please cancel claim 2.

3. (currently amended) A container assembly as set forth in claim 2 1, wherein said peripheral edge is partially cohesive with cohesively bonded to said outer surface of said container body.

Please cancel claim 4.

5. (original) A container assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said reinforcement comprises an injection molded thermoplastic material.

6. (currently amended) A container assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic material comprising comprises said container assembly is polyethlyene.

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7. (currently amended) A container assembly as set forth in claim 1, wherein said reinforcement includes a vent hole therethrough for preventing formation of a gap venting fluid between said container body and said reinforcement following molding.

Please cancel claims 8 and 9.